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Dr. Robert C. Seamans, Jr.
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Washington, D. C. 20546

Dear Bob:

Recent organizational re-alignments within CIA to strengthen our missile and space capabilities have delayed the selection of CIA personnel to serve as points of contact on the CIA Advisory Panels which were agreed upon in July.

After review of your selection of high level NASA officials to serve on these panels, and our possible counterparts, I have designated CIA officials listed in the attachment to initiate the action required to proceed with such matters as clearances, agenda, meeting dates, and location, etc.

Relative to the formation of these Panels I would like to assure you that the existence of the Director's Space Intelligence Panel in no way minimizes the importance or effective role of the CIA Advisory Panels. We do not expect the Director's Panel to meet more than several times a year and it will usually be called in connection with a particular national estimate which is under consideration by the Intelligence Board. I am sure that the Panels you and I have discussed will perform the function of providing technical assessments on specific subjects which will in turn be reviewed with all other evidence by the Director's Panel.

Although I had apparently failed to mention this to you, it has always been my intention to include the two NASA employees

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on duty with us as observers on Panels concerned with those matters you mentioned in your letter of October 4.

When arrangements for the Panel meetings have been completed, additional CIA officials will be designated to attend each meeting to assure a broad technical coverage of the agenda items.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

ALBERT D. WHEELON
Deputy Director

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Attachment:

**Initial Assignment of
CIA Personnel to Advisory
Panels**

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